

**Massachusetts All-Payer Claims Database
Monthly Technical Assistance Group (TAG) Webinar
Meeting Notes**

Date: Tuesday, July 10, 2012
Time: 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm EST

The Division of Health Care Finance and Policy (Division) convenes a monthly technical assistance group (TAG) webinar with health care payers to discuss the all-payer claims database (APCD) implementation and provide technical support to the group. The following is a summary of the meeting from Tuesday, July 10, 2012:

I. Welcome and Introduction

Kathy Hines welcomed everyone to the Massachusetts all-payer claims database (APCD) technical assistance group (TAG) webinar and thanked participants for their engagement with the Division to make the implementation of the APCD successful. K. Hines reviewed the TAG call agenda with payers.

II. APCD Administrative Updates

a. Data Release Update

- K. Hines announced that the Data Release Committee has been finalized and convened. Also, administrative bulletins updating our data release regulation (114.5 CMR 22.00) have been published and posted on the APCD website. Finally, the application to request APCD has also been posted on the website under the tab “APCD Application and Related Information.”

b. TAG meeting summary notes from previous months available on the APCD website

- The Division is committed to providing payers with the documentation and support necessary to ensure the successful implementation of the APCD. While the Division encourages full payer participation on the TAG calls, the Division recognizes that some payers are not able to participate and therefore has made meeting summary notes available for download on the APCD website (www.mass.gov/dhcfp/apcd) under USER RESOURCES to ensure important information is available to all.

b. APCD Website Updates

- The Division’s Events page lists meeting summaries and presentations from all previous TAG meetings. There is now a tab

for all things related to data release, including the application for APCD data and information on the data release committee.

II. QA Profile Reports

- a. K. Hines briefly discussed the QA Profile Reports that were announced in last month's TAG Meeting.
- b. The Division currently engages in multiple activities to measure and improve the quality of the data: verification reports, monthly workgroup meetings, etc.
- c. K. Hines described the naming conventions for the reports and their contents and provided some examples. She also reviewed some questions we had received concerning the profile reports.

III. Technical Support

a. Payer Specific Questions

QUESTION: Any updates on the upcoming data submission changes?

ANSWER: These changes are still under review.

QUESTION: Are the QA Profile Reports accessible from the APCD website?

ANSWER: No. They are only available through INET for carriers who have signed up for access.

QUESTION: Will developers have access to the QA Profile Reports?

ANSWER: We would hope that carriers are sharing the results of the QA Profile Reports with their developers.

IV. Additional Items and Next Steps

- The **next TAG webinar is scheduled for Tuesday, August 7th from 2pm – 3pm EST** and subsequent webinars are scheduled for the 2nd Tuesday of each month.
- The Analytic Workgroup normally held on the 3rd Tuesday of every month is being combined with the Technical Workgroup for the month of July. This combined meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 24th.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:15 P.M.